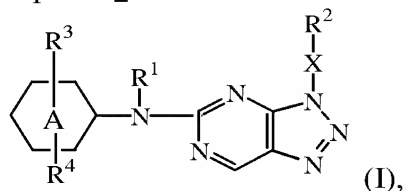


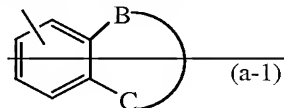
Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

This invention concerns [[a]]compounds of formula



[[a]]N-oxides, [[a]]pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts, [[a]]quaternary amines and [[a]] stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein ring A represents phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl or pyrazinyl; R¹ represents hydrogen; aryl; formyl; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with formyl; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyloxy; or C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl optionally substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxy; X represents a direct bond; (CH₂)_{n3} or (CH₂)_{n4}; X_{1a}-X_{1b}; R² represents C₃₋₇cycloalkyl; phenyl; a 4, 5, 6- or 7- membered monocyclic heterocycle containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S or N; benzoxazolyl or a radical of formula



wherein said R² substituent may optionally be substituted; R³ represents halo; hydroxy; optionally substituted C₁₋₆alkyl; C₂₋₆alkenyl or C₂₋₆alkynyl, each optionally substituted; optionally substituted polyhaloC₁₋₆alkyl; optionally substituted C₁₋₆alkyloxy; optionally substituted polyhaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylthio; polyhaloC₁₋₆alkylthio; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; cyano; carboxyl; aryloxy; arylthio; arylcarbonyl; NR^{6b}R^{7b}; C(=O)NR^{6b}R^{7b}; NR⁵-C(=O)NR^{6b}R^{7b}; NR⁵-C(=O)R⁵; S(=O)_{n1}-R^{8a}; NR⁵-S(=O)_{n1}-R^{8a}; S-CN; NR⁵-CN; R⁴ represents hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; optionally substituted C₁₋₄alkyl; C₂₋₄alkenyl or C₂₋₄alkynyl, each optionally substituted; polyhaloC₁₋₃alkyl; optionally substituted C₁₋₄alkyloxy; polyhaloC₁₋₃alkyloxy; C₁₋₄alkylthio; polyhaloC₁₋₃alkylthio; C₁₋₄alkyloxy; C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxy; C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyl; polyhaloC₁₋₄alkylcarbonyl; nitro; cyano; carboxyl; NR¹⁰R¹¹; C(=O)NR¹⁰R¹¹; NR⁵-C(=O)NR¹⁰R¹¹; NR⁵-C(=O)R⁵; S(=O)_{n1}-R¹²; NR⁵-S(=O)_{n1}-R¹²; S-CN; NR⁵-CN; their use, pharmaceutical compositions comprising them, and processes for their preparation.